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Re: Need for Immediate Action at the Lockheed Martin Company (LMC)/Martin Marietta Corporation Superfund Site,  
The Dalles, Oregon


Dear Mr. Faulk:

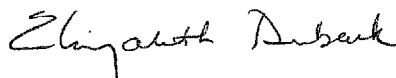
The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed your July 20, 2012 letter to Mr. Brad Owens of the Lockheed Martin Corporation. DEQ's first priority is human health, safety, and environmental protection. DEQ thinks that activities to date at the former Martin Marietta Reduction Facility Superfund Site in The Dalles have been protective of human health and the environment. We understand EPA has questions about safety at the site and we support work to resolve any uncertainty regarding these safety concerns. We have instructed Lockheed Martin to move forward with the steps identified in the July 20<sup>th</sup> letter.

Please note that the 2004 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between EPA, DEQ and Lockheed Martin is intended to facilitate regulatory coordination. The MOA identifies DEQ's Hazardous Waste Program as providing primary oversight through the RCRA post-closure permit. We are concerned that EPA's direct actions create regulatory ambiguity and are not within the spirit of the MOA. In addition, we are concerned about creating contradictory directions to Lockheed Martin, or inadvertently imposing deadlines that do not allow them to proceed through the appropriate regulatory mechanism, such as the permit modification process.

Although we wanted to make you aware of these concerns, we also want to assure you that our priority will always be human health, safety and the environment. We look forward to resolving the uncertainty about safety concerns and any other regulatory issues that may arise.

Yours truly,

  
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